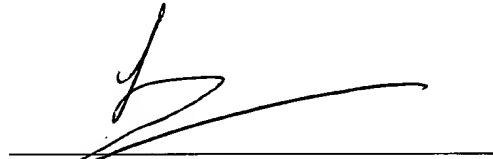


REMARKS

Applicants hereby cancel previously withdrawn claims 23 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter disclosed therein. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-9, 17-20, 22 and 25-61 are pending for consideration, and examination of the pending claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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